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SUBJ: SEKOU TOURE VISIT TO MONROVIA

REF: CONAKRY 1145

1. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE AND PARTY ARRIVED MID-MORNING JULY 21 AND WERE MET BY LARGE CONTINGENT LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS. AFTER AIRPORT FESTIVITIES PRESIDENT TOURE PASSED BY GRAVE OF LATE STEPHEN TOLBERT TO SAY PRAYERS AT GRAVE SITE, FOLLOWING WHICH ENTIRE PARTY, LIBERIAN CABINET AND OTHER RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS WERE RECEIVED AT RECEPTION AT EXECUTIVE MANSION. PRESIDENTS TOLBERT AND TOURE GAVE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECHES ON THIS OCCASION. TOLBERT EMPHASIZED THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN GUINEA AND LIBERIA AND EXTOLLED SEKOU TOURE AS AFRICAN STATESMAN. PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAILED RECENT EVENTS SUCH AS DECOLONIZATION OF FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES SINCE TOURE'S LAST VISIT TO LIBERIA. HE APPEALED FOR JOINT EFFORTS ON THE PART OF ALL AFRICANS FOR LIBERATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT FROM ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION AND REPRESSION. IN HIS SOMEWHAT LENGTHIER RESPONSE PRESIDENT TOURE GAVE A WARM ACCOUNT HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE GAVE A TRIBUTE TO TOLBERT AS AN AFRICAN

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PATRIOT, STATESMAN AND DYNAMIC LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE, AND

A MAN WHO COULD BE COUNTED UPON TO STAND UP FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED IN AND TO STAND BY HIS WORD. IN AN EXTENSIVE EXPOSE OF THE NEED TO LIBERATE THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, THE TONE OF HIS REMARKS WAS MODERATE THROUGHOUT. NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN BY EITHER SPEAKER.

2. ALTHOUGH INITIAL PLANS CALLED FOR PRESIDENT TOURE'S DEPARTURE AFTERNOON OF JULY 21, WE WERE INFORMED AT LUNCHEON THAT TOURE WILL STAY OVERNIGHT AND DEPART FOR CONAKRY AT 10 A.M. JULY 22.
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